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From exclusive interviews with Stalin's daughter and her husband's relatives and friends, here is the full story of her marriage, her journey to India as a widow and the events leading to her decision to seek refuge in the United States - by Terry Morris

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A Love Story



The recent actions of Svetlana Alliluyeva Stalina, the forty-two-year-old daughter of Josef Stalin, have great political and historic significance. But it is clear that her defection to the United States was essentially the climactic chapter of a love story.

In answer to a question by MCCALL'S, she said that the death of her husband was the most important factor in her decision to seek asylum here. Actually, Brijesh Singh, an Indian whom she met in Moscow, was not legally married to her, because they were refused permission by the Soviet government. But for three years she lived with him as his wife. When he died last fall, Svetlana took his ashes back to his birthplace in the village of Kalakankar, where, after weeks of indecision and intrigue, she decided not to return to the Soviet Union.

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